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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: D/DCI/NI *8692* *JK*  
25X1A FROM:  1 JUN 1977  
SUBJECT: National Intelligence Officer for China  
Invitation to Ambassador Thomas Gates

1. Action Requested: Recommend that you phone Ambassador Gates at his home in Devon, Pennsylvania and invite him to come to Langley for a discussion of China and for lunch. Gates plans to come to Washington in early June.

2. Background: Thomas Gates has just completed a one year tour (May 1976-May 1977) as Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking. He was former Secretary of Defense under Eisenhower and was a prominent businessman (head of Morgan Guaranty). He was briefed by DCI Bush and Agency personnel before he went to China last year and he visited the Agency during one of his visits from Peking. Gates has been a good friend of CIA throughout and has been forthright in his praise of our product on China.

3. Although not an expert on China, Gates is wise and experienced and has formed some clear judgments. He is worth listening to.

4. Because of his seniority and his expressed view that he is interested in talking to principals, you would be the appropriate person to contact him. He knows  as a China specialist on your staff.

5. Staff Position: This has been coordinated with DDO. The National Security Council is enthusiastic about your seeing Gates.

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6. Recommendation: Recommend you phone Gates at [redacted]  
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Gates is tentatively due in Washington around 6 June.

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